Flaw in Appointing Presenting Officer

1916. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2926 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March, 1993 and state:

(a) what was the technical flaw which the management realised after six months after appointing the inquiry and presenting officers and the proceedings started thereafter; what are the reasons and details thereof;

(b) whether a charge sheet was reissued to an employee, if so when the charged officer was asked to send his reply to the charge sheet of C&MD of date 21st May, 1990; what is the date and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the management of IDPL had deliberately appointed the General Manager (Production) as disciplinary authority for the charge-sheet of 17th November, 1989 in order to gain time on such serious matter when General Manager (Sales) was available at the time; if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The technical flaw in the charge-sheet dated 17|11|89 issued to one former Marketing Executive of IDPL was that the charge-sheet was not under the signature of the appropriate disciplinary authority.

(b) As already stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2926 dated 18|3|93, the IDPL management had reissued the charge-sheet on 21|5|90 under the signature of the appropriate disciplinary authority. As per the standard practice, the charged officer, the former Marketing Executive of IDPL, was directed to submit his written statement of defence within 7 days.

(c) No, Sir.

Helicopter flights in Lahul-Spiti and Chamba districts in H. P.

@1917. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Helicopter flights operated to the tribal areas of Satingiri, Udaipur in district Lahaul-Spiti and Azog, Kilar in district Chamba of Himachal Pradesh during the winter season of the year 1992-93;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such flights have been discontinued prior to the stipulated time causing lot of inconvenience to the local people; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for discontinuing these flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The H. P. Government had requested for a winter courier facility for a period of three months. This was undertaken by the IAF from January to March 1993. During this period, the total number of flights operated by IAF are as under:—

(i) Udaipur . .	22 sorties
(ii) Satingiri . .	12 sorties
(iii) Kilar . . .	14 sorties
(iv) Azog . . .	6 sorties

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Problems of ex-servicemen

1918. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary Ministry

@Previously Unstarred Question 802, transferred from 4th May, 1993.

of Defence to examine the problems of ex-servicemen;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same committee has been asked to consider the demand of some exgratia relief to World War-I and II Veterans;

(c) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details of recommendations in respect of World War veterans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Eviction order passed by station commander Assam

1919. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state,

(a) whether it is a fact that the Station Commander Station Head-quarter Panisala Dlrjan, Assam has issued eviction order on Civilian low paid MES employees to vacate the Government land (Defence) where these poor employees have been living for a long time;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to defer the eviction till alternate arrangements are made to rehabilitation them; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The eviction notices were issued by the Civil Admlnistration to the encroachers, who include certain MES employees also, on the Defence land. The encroachers have since been evicted. However, the affected MES employees have been allotted accommodation out of the available pool.

Payment of OTI to ex-servicemen

1920. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had appointed a Committee in order to remove the anomalies arising out of certain recommendations of High Powered Committee in the matter of payment of one time increase (OTI) to ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its recommenda ions; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to submit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Dos not arise.

Newly introduced items in Canteen Store Department

1921. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question No. 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th Aprll, 1993 and state:

(a) the orders placed in figures in last nine months for the newly introduced items;

(b) whether it is a fact that different yardsticks are being used by CSD for Small Scale Sector and the larger business firms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that placement of orders has become a method of showing favour to some units; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove grievances of small scale units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Abou 2700 orders have been placed for newly introduced items since July, 1992.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.